

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2022 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you consider providing \$250,000 for the implementation of a Rides to Recovery pilot program by the Oswego County Department of Social Services, located at 46 E. Bridge Street, Oswego, NY 13126. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would allow Oswego County to expand access to substance use disorder treatment for families impacted by the opioid epidemic.

The proposed Rides to Recovery pilot program would address the critical need for accessibility of care and promote substance use disorder treatment in Oswego County. Building on an existing program that the county initiated in 2020, this program would expand the county's contract with Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc., providing mileage reimbursement to volunteer drivers that connect children and families with available community services, including mental health and addiction treatment.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Furthermore, I am not aware of any other Member of Congress submitting a request for this purpose.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Katko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

John Katko
Member of Congress